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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/712,210	EDSTROM ET AL.
	Examiner Theresa Trieu	Art Unit 3748

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 3,4 and 11 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,2,5-10,12 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date September 14, 2004.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to the applicants' amendment filed on September 14, 2004.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-8 and 10-12 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

Applicants' cooperation in amending the claims to overcome the claim objections relating to informalities as well as indefinite claim language is also appreciated.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. ***Claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ingalls (Patent Number 5,066,205).***

Regarding claims 1, 2 and 8, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, Ingalls discloses a pump including a power screw (2) and idler screw (4) which meshes with the power screw, the power screw and idler screw being rotatable in a housing, the idler screw (4) having a first screw form including a generally helical groove (not numbered; however, clearly seen in Fig. 2) and a generally helical land surface (IK), the land surface having a first and a second edge portion (not numbered; however, clearly seen in Fig. 2), each of which is adjacent to one of the groove of the first screw form and a groove of a second screw form, the distance between the land surface (IK)

and a longitudinal axis of the idler screw (4) varying between the first edge portion and the second edge portion, the distance between the first/second edge portion and the longitudinal axis of the first idler screw being substantially constant over the length of the first screw form; the distance between the land surface (IK) of the first screw form and the longitudinal axis increasing continuously from the first edge portion to the second edge portion.

Regarding claims 5-7, 9 and 12, Ingalls further discloses the first idler screw (4) is arranged so that the first edge portion leads the second edge portion as the first idler screw rotates in use; at least one of the first/second edge portions (not numbered; however, clearly seen in Fig. 2) including a radiused lead-in to an adjacent groove; the power screw (2) including at least one generally helical ridge (22) which engages with the generally helical groove of at least one of the first/second idler screws (4); the idler screw (4) including two generally helical grooves (36) of substantially the same pitch; the power screw (2) including two generally helical ridges (22) of substantially the same pitch.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various

claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

2. *Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ingalls (Patent Number 5,066,205).*

Ingalls discloses the invention as recited above; however, Ingalls fails to disclose two idler screws located at diametrically opposite sides of the power screw. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to have utilized two idler screws, since it has been held that mere duplication of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. *St. Regis Paper Co. v. Bemis Co., Inc.*, 193 USPQ 8 (7th Cir. 1977).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3, 4, and 11 are allowed.

Prior Art

The IDS (PTO-1449) filed on September 14, 2004 has been considered. An initialized copy is attached hereto.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa Trieu whose telephone number is 571-272-4868. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E Denion can be reached on 571-272-4859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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